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I REMEMBER
EVERYTHING
YOU TAUGHT ME
HERE

LOVE LETTER TO A LIBRARY

A public artwork by Steve Locke
City of Boston Artist-in-Residence
Starting July 2018

I LEARNED ABOUT MY CITY HERE.
I RESEARCHED GRANTS HERE.
I FOUND A PLACE TO LIVE HERE.
I MET WARHOL HERE.
I FELL IN LOVE HERE.
I MOURNED MY MOTHER HERE.

THIS IS MY LOVE LETTER.
TO OUR LIBRARY.
PUBLIC.
FREE TO ALL.

Tell what you learned. Tell what you remember.

*Memories of from the Main Branch
Copley Square*

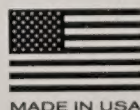


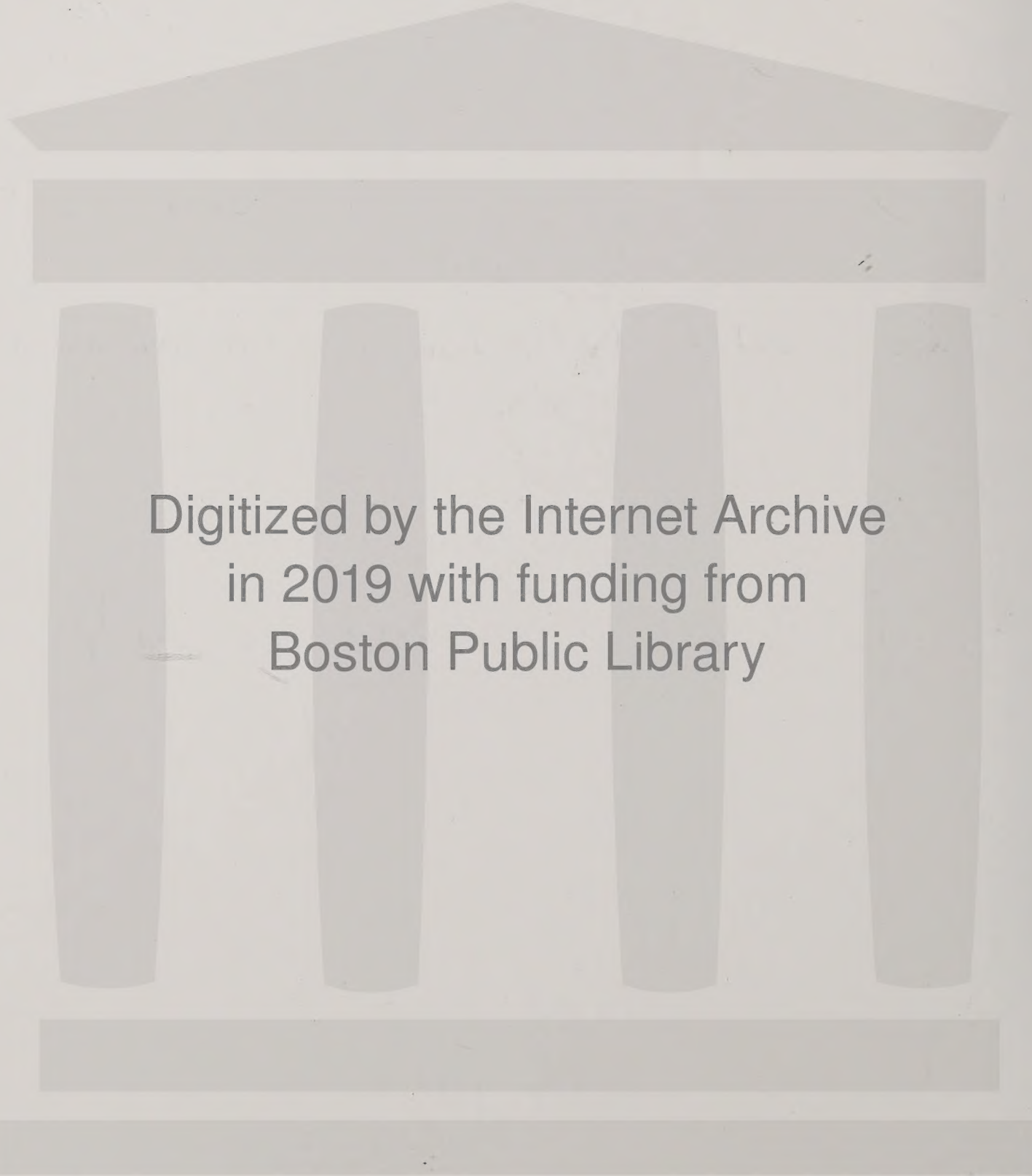
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July 10, 2018

I remember coming here with my father and little brother to see those magical little diaramas and all the beautiful murals. We would take out books and movies. All for free! I learned to love art in public.

Lavin Goodfellow

July 14, 2018

I remember using the library like my office in 2011 when I was homeless for 7 months. I remember a woman/librarian helping me with the printer to print pre-op paperwork for an eye surgery. I remember meeting Arthur here. I remember Disability forums here. I remember borrowing and renewing an American Sign Language book for a year, because I am late-deafened and needed to learn ASL.
 11/1/17 Tehidy Muehl

I remember learning how to use databases, way back in the 80s. I love you, BPL.

John

I so love your library. Thank you for sharing it. Sarah Sussler, from Minnesota
July 14, 2018

Dear Artist Friend!

17 July, 2018

My Father was a history teacher in Boston Public Schools for thirty-three years. He introduced me to this titanic and gorgeous library as a boy. Without this civilizing influence that is free to all, we would be in serious trouble. My long-term plan is to return to the house I grew up in in Boston (Dedham). I loved the line you wrote in your postcard ... "I mourned my mother here." As my mother ages, you have given me comfort and ideas on further connection to this fabulous building in which we all can nourish our spirits.

with much appreciation and respect,

A. Luke Olivieri
New Lebanon, NY
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I hope that I come back in Boston -
XOXO AH.

18 July 2018

This is my first visit to Boston. I am a librarian in Commerce, CA, a little suburb 6 miles from Los Angeles. Love this library, love this city full of great history! I grew up in a small branch library where I would go to get away from the gang in my neighborhood.

♥️
Cub King

Me llamo Raul Ames, mi primera visita
a Boston, me comunique ingresando a la
Casa de la cultura, "EL QUE NO LEE
UN LIBRO, NO ALIMENTA EL ALMA"
el 18 de julio de 2018, con profunda
satisfacción — En la ciudad de Buenos
Aires Argentina —

Raul A. Ames..

Back around 1986, I met some
troubled ghosts here. Hopefully, they
felt comforted after we parted.

LR, Security
Boston

You taught me it is my own responsibility to seek
out knowledge throughout my life. You taught me
imperfection is acceptable - I lost my card, and
your staff kindly gave me a new one. I've checked
out countless thousands of books, movies, albums,
for myself and for my child. I am forever grateful
for the librarians and librarians who have
helped shape who I am.

Jennifer T.v.H.

To the Boston Public Library -

I worked here for a little while between 2015 and 2017.

There were some good times and some not so good times,
but overall I enjoyed my time at the library.

I met my favorite supervisor and "library friend" here... Anna!

I still come stop by from time to time.

The library is best appreciated as a patron and not as an employee.

I learned how to shelve here.

I met some friends here.

I remember everything you taught me here, library friend!

And the Boston Public Library.

I brought my babies here; I bring my
daughters, now nearly "grown" here. BPL gave them
their first Red Sox games and so so many books!

Love this place; love Steve Locke! ; Noonans

Thank you for being first in FREE to All.

Librarian From Kansas
Megh

July 28, 2018

I learned about people, patience, diversity, understanding and acceptance. Most of all I learned we can teach each other in addition to learning from books.

Kim Nguyen

Communications & Welcoming desk

Once, when I was 8 or 9 years old, I was here with my father for an evening event. While my father and I were trying to find the room the program was in, somehow we got lost + found ourselves alone together wrapped in the quiet, grand beauty of this magnificent place. I remember holding my father's hand and looking up in awe at the magnificent ceiling. That's always how I will think of this place. —Elsa Hamilton

July 30th, 2018

I learned how to lose myself in a book that my home library allowed me to take home!

I researched information for my essays, answers to tests, school projects and even more information about my country, Puerto Rico!

I found a place to escape from the realities that life sometimes brought and the many things our neighborhood lacked of.

I met great people. Made friends and now I'm part of such a great organization that's free to everyone and anyone, no matter the race, color or background.

I fell in love with the reading! It's the best thing to do when you have a slight moment to escape from harsh realities!

This is my love letter
to our library!

— A Friend ☺

Aug 6, 18

I learned to ask questions
and find answers

Callie Jim

July 31st 2018

I am here from Troy, NY
visiting from Troy, NY.

I love this library.
I love books

I even have a pterosaur
tattooed on my
face

books are life
- Angelina @9

Steve Locke and I
had ~~sent~~ the b.
I love Steve Locke. I learned
about life in this building:

I've wanted to come here for almost 20 years.
So glad to have finally made it!
♡AH

Such a nice visit here!
-Yeny

♡♡

I learned about my mother in a library
and I learned about my grandmother in a library.
I think of them every time I turn the pages
- liz Morlock

The BPL was a place of refuge when I was a
teenager. A friend and I, when we played hockey
in high school, usually hung out at the BPL,
where else can you see stunning art on walls
& ceilings? (for free!)
- Susan Rize

The library has always been my sanctuary for
study and thought. The quiet, the beauty, the scent
of old books. I first spied my husband in a
library - Ruth Bach, Long Beach, where he worked. I first
saw the architectural beauty of this library - Boston
Public - on the occasion that I brought my daughter,
Elizabeth, across the country to attend college.
Thank you for this beautiful project, Steve.

Lenore Morlock

I would love to see the BPL
publish - online + print - something
called "How we did it" how this
fantastic Library came into being and
how it survives today. So many places
are losing their Libraries: its time for
more!
Marcus DeVito

I remember working here, the long silences
of the closed stacks. I have read here,
talked here, slept here, demonstrated
here, read Shakespeare's sonnets to a
crowd here, met writers here, watched
performances here, borrowed too many
books here. Here is my love letter to
the BPL ♡♡♡♡, so close to my heart,
mind, and spirit. Love you!
J

Boston Public Library, City Sq. Boston,
MA

Monday, August 20th, 2018

yes, I remember everything I

read here - how to use the
knowledge of reading to
respect other cultures!

Kathleen H.

AUG 24 2018

This place has been my sanctuary. A place where I found routine + structure when my entire world had fallen apart. This place has been a companion in my grief and made me feel less alone, an inexplicable comfort. When I saw his work 'Love letter to a library' was done by a professor who had ^{held} such an influential part of my art education, and life I was so moved. Steve Locke, thank you for his and contributions to inspire me, especially in a space where I needed it most.

XX
Your student
Kim Sanders

